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CLEARING  
OBSTRUCTIONS FROM  
SURGICAL CUTTING  
INSTRUMENTS

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**AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 31, 2007**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.